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## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

EGYPT.

LONDON, November 30th.

The Porte is debating whether to despatch troops to Suakin.  
Mr. W. H. Smith has made a statement that the responsible officers declare that no reinforcements are needed for the Army of Occupation.

## PARLIAMENTARY.

Mr. Duncan, a Conservative, has been elected for Holborn.

(From the *Avenir du Tonkin*.)

THE EX-KING OF ANNAM.

PARIS, November 16th.

The Council of Ministers has decided that Ham-nghi, who was formerly King of Annam, and was recently captured, is to reside in Algeria.

ADMIRAL DE LA JAILLE.

November 19th.

Admiral de la Jaille and Messrs. de Custine and Landes left Marseilles yesterday by the M. M. steamer *Oxus*.

## THE FRENCH COLONIAL BUDGET.

November 20th.

The Chamber of Deputies has commenced to discuss the Colonial budget. The French Ambassador to Morocco is dead.

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

November 21st.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Constans criticised the frequent modifications in the administrative organisation of Indo-China. He requested a diminution of the troops in active service, and proposed measures for the encouragement of commerce.

November 22nd.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies having replied to M. Constans' speech, M. de Lanesan criticised it, and at the request of the Government, the Chamber adopted by 279 votes against 223 a metropolitan subsidy of fifteen million francs for Indo-China.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The American Musical Comedy and Opera Company will appear at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening in Planquette's popular opera bouffe "Les Cloches de Corneville."

"An Old Sportsman," who has been suffering from a pronounced fit of melancholy since the St. Andrews' Ball, promises to pen a few words in reply to "Saiding's" long communication re the "Regatta Deadlock," in time for to-morrow's issue.

A FULL report of the proceedings at Canton on Saturday in connection with the seizure by the Chinese Customs authorities of the British-owned launch *Stephen Thompson* for an alleged breach of treaty rights will be found in another part of this issue.

The "Glen" liner *Glenfruin*, Capt. E. Norman, which arrived here from London on Saturday, brought on one 23-ton gun for H.M.S. *Imperial* and two 37-tonners for the fortifications in Formosa. The former was landed at Kowloon; the latter will be discharged in Shanghai.

The ninth "Silver Spoon" competition under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association took place at Kowloon on Saturday. There were 24 competitors and after a most interesting contest—seven shots each at 200 yards—Mr. A. Shelton Hooper became entitled to the coveted trophy, with the capital score of 33 out of a possible 35. Mr. E. Robinson, a previous winner at this event, also totalled 33; and there were three 31's, four 30's, and three 29's. All round the shooting showed a marked improvement on previous years.

MESSES. Geo. R. Stevens & Co. inform us that the steamship *Propontis*, from Cape Town and Mauritius, left Singapore this morning, and is due here on or about the 10th inst.

A Regular meeting of Zeland Lodge, No. 24, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

The *Avenir du Tonkin* reports that about thirty prisoners who were working on the road between Lang-son and Kep, massacred the four guards who were looking after them, and escaped, carrying away their arms.

MR. WODEHOUSE will hold a second inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of the two soldiers who were killed by falling from the verandahs of their barracks-rooms recently. The first inquiry was informal, and a more detailed investigation is considered necessary.

PARIS newspapers are dealing with the question of the "Tonquin frontiers." They propose that the work of delimitation should be resumed. The cession of the plains of Tu-lung to China, originally proposed by M. Constant, will, says one Hanot contemporary, meet with some opposition.

The *Government Gazette* notifies that the following Ordinances have received Her Majesty's confirmation and allowance, viz:—Ordinance No. 18 of 1888.—"The French Mail Steamers Ordinance continuation Ordinance, 1888;" Ordinance No. 19 of 1888.—"The German Mail Steamers Ordinance continuation Ordinance, 1888."

The following news from Haiphong is published by the *Avenir du Tonkin*. Lieutenant-colonel Servire at the head of 500 men consisting of marines, riflemen and policemen, went lately in pursuit of the band of pirates who had attacked the tong-d. c. The pirate chief Vinh was captured and subsequently decapitated at Haiphong. The band was dispersed after losing fourteen men.

THE Band will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, commencing at 7.45 o'clock. The following will be the programme:

March—"Comrades" Paul.  
Overture—"Ruler of Spain" Weber.  
Valse—"La Jeune Vierge" Chabrier.  
Selection—"The Merry Widow" Strauss.  
Selection—"Princess Ida" Sullivan.  
Selection—"Pepita" Lacombe.

ABOUT seven o'clock last night Lyndhurst Terrace had a near chance of troubling the Fire Brigade again. A Portuguese lives on the first floor of No. 21, and in the back-room a lamp got overcast, setting fire to the two beds in the room. An alarm was given, and Detective Sergeant Macdonald, Inspector Rae, and some coolies ran up. For about ten minutes it was "nip and tuck," as the burning oil was running about and dropping through the chinks in the floor, but by beating and smothering they got everything out. The damage was considerable, but was covered by insurance.

ON Wednesday next the American Musical Comedy and Opera Company will perform for the benefit of Mr. H. M. Imano, the popular baritone of the troupe. A powerful programme has been arranged for this special occasion, which includes two acts of Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," in which the *beneficitaire* will double the parts of *Devilshoof* and *Count Arkelm*, one act of Vincent Wallace's imperishable opera, "Maitland," and Offenbach's famous operetta "The Rose of Auvergne." Mr. Imano is a conscientious artist who has striven hard to gain the suffrages of the Hongkong public, and we trust that his merits will be substantially recognised by a bumper house.

THE *China Mail* has suddenly discovered that the Causeway Bay extension—the pet scheme of the late Mr. Bulkeley Johnson which the Hon. the Surveyor General so strenuously advocated—is not yet built upon. We have been dining this fact into the ears of the Government authorities for years past, and without effect. Will the Surveyor, who has striven hard to gain the suffrages of the Hongkong public, and we trust that his merits will be substantially recognised by a bumper house.

BEWARE of chair 337, everybody. By the admission of the carriers thereof it is as fatal to its patrons as Queen's road West Whisky. At noon yesterday an Indian constable saw it being carried along near the Victoria Hotel with a very limp individual inside, and when he came to look closer he found nothing but a "demi, damp, moist, unpleasant body," so he ran the bearers in on a charge of carrying corpses about. The spokesman of the pair made a very naive defence—said the man had got into the chair and then gone and died. This might have been true if the vehicle had been a ricksha; anyone unused to Vomper to the Moon might reasonably suspect during a ten-penny jolting, but we cannot concur with our assistant Stendy in his charge against these men. At least he should have impounded the chair as a dead-end.

A SERIOUS fire, the report of which was accidentally omitted from Saturday's issue, took place on Friday at the Race-course. On one side of the Race-course is, or was, a small unpretentious matchbox, which to the superficial observer would seem just an ordinary sort of hut, and certainly not containing property of much value. Be that as it may, on Friday sometime it got on fire, and its numerous inmates were roused by the intense heat to a sense of their danger. The elevator was useless, and their peril was almost supreme, when they happily lifted a corner and crept out. The flames embraced the building, the Brigades were not yet arrived. Let us finish the narrative pitifully. The wind

"A space the conflagration drowned  
Till, gathering strength, again it rose  
Unchecked, and with its light the landscape dyed  
Then sank—the matchbox was no more."

The damage would not be a cent less than four dollars.

THE Musical Comedy and Opera Company performed Mr. Sheridan's lively farce "Nap" to a full house on Saturday night. The place is a one-act comedy, full of surprises and funny developments, and the author-actor in his double rôle of a "Crushed Comedian" and "Lord Lovell" was simply inimitable. As a laughter-producing farce, "Nap" as performed by the Company on Saturday night, can hardly be surpassed. The second act was so only in name, as it consisted of a series of songs, by the members of the Company, entirely disconnected from the comedy. The scene representing the interior of a Pullman car could very well be dispensed with, as it had not the slightest reference to either song or comedy. We hope Mr. Sheridan will see his way towards getting up a second act to his well-conceived farce, and make it stand on its own legs, without requiring to be propped by the musical resources of the Company.

A number of shop-keepers in Bonham Strand and Queen's Road Central were fined \$10 to-day for maintaining their verandahs.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending 21st Dec., are:—European, 133; Chinese, 1,882; total 2,015.

"Is marriage a failure?" said the young man, reading from the newspaper. Young Lady (absent-mindedly)—"That's what I should like to know."

THE Pakhoi boatman and widow who brought a girl here to sell, about four centuries ago, and who have been remanded times without number, passed their final examination to-day, and were discharged, the girl being sent home with an admonition to beware of widowers another time.

MR. Donald McRae, of the Sugar Refinery, cast his hat upon the waters in May last, and after many days it floated back again. To drop metaphor, he had his \$2.50 topce stolen in May last, and yesterday he found a Chinese fireman wearing it with that *distinguished* air which characterises the Europeanised heathen. The new owner was committed for trial.

THE *Government Gazette* notifies that a question having arisen in a Colony possessing a silver Standard as to the amount of salary bringing an Officer within the operation of Colonial Regulations 83 and 90d, the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to decide, without attempting to establish any arbitrary relation between gold and silver, to fix upon a salary not exceeding \$600 as bringing an Officer within the last named regulation. This decision will also apply proportionately to Colonial Regulations 66, 74, 99, and 153.

"BROWNIE'S" experiences of Highland gatherings have evidently been few in number and of an exclusively local character. He says in his latest hash-up of stale prattle, referring to the recent St. Andrew's Ball, that he had "never witnessed so many handsome kilts assembled, except perhaps at the Northern gatherings at Inverness and Braemar." All told there were sixteen gentlemen in "Highland" costume at St. Andrew's Ball, "Brownie" does not know it, but it is true nevertheless that there are dozens of annual gatherings in Scotland where it is nothing unusual to see a hundred men in the garb of Gaul, and at the Caledonian Ball in London—where Highland costume or full uniform is *de rigueur*—we have seen three times that number in waving tartans. "Brownie" will be discreet to confine his wily (and weakly) twaddle to lippesitting tartans, and discussing drains and stinks—subjects with which he can fairly claim to have acquaintance.

THE professional thieves and gamblers who journey on the local steamers east and west of Hongkong for the purpose of plundering the emigrants seem to have been doing a good business on the *Glenfruin*. Mr. Pollock, today heard several cases of at least alleged robbery. The first prisoner was charged with stealing \$12 worth of clothing, but Mr. Ho Wyson got him off. Two other men were charged with stealing two hair-pins. Mr. Wilkinson was equally successful on their behalf. A couple more were accused of robbing a farmer of \$120 and four gold rings. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Ho Wai Sing irradiated this case with what old Coke called "the gladsome light of jurisprudence," with satisfactory results to their clients, whose defence was simply that they had won the property at gambling. The last man—an actor—defied worse. He had lifted \$200 out of the cook's box, and the evidence was crushing. His friends can have him in six months. In all the cases the prosecutors got their property back.

ON Saturday Mr. Wodehouse held an inquiry at the magistracy concerning the death of the Chinaman who was shot on the rifle-range at Kowloon on the 9th inst. The evidence showed that just before 11 o'clock that day—the first of the Rifle Association meeting—deceased, with several other outcast Chinamen, was behind the targets picking up bullets when he was seen to fall, screaming and bleeding. His companions did not offer to assist him, and he was afterwards seen by a marker holding on to a tree. About half-an-hour elapsed before medical assistance arrived, and when taken up he was dying. After death Dr. Marques made an examination, and found that he had been shot through the thigh and also through the centre of the abdomen. Evidence was given that men like him haunted the banks behind the butts, picking up the bullets that had embedded themselves. They could not be kept off, taking no notice of the danger flags and defying pursuit. In this case the shot was fired at the saucer target, but by whom, of course, is not known. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

THE following are the orders of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Wednesday, 6th inst. at 4 p.m.

1. Report of the Select Committee on "The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Bill."
2. Report of the Select Committee on "The Evidence Consolidation Bill."
3. Report of the Select Committee on "The Compensation to Families Bill."
4. Committee on "The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Bill."
5. Committee on "The Evidence Consolidation Bill."
6. Committee on "The Compensation to Families Bill."
7. Second reading of the Bill for the Naturalization of Tai Tak-piu otherwise Ching U.
8. Second reading of "The Coroner's Abolition Bill."
9. Second reading of the Bill to amend "The Statute Law Preservation Ordinance, 1886."
10. First reading of a Bill entitled "The Merchant Shipping Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1888."
11. First reading of a Bill to amend "The Powers of Police Magistrates."

A VERY funny thing happened at West Point on Saturday. A coolie there was *tail-punch* enough to own a dog, and put on as much side as a Government mule in consequence, although the dog wasn't really much of a dog, really—in fact it resembled the result of an intrigue between a wazool and a door-mat as much as anything. But the eyes of two of the owner's dearest and dearest friends had looked hungrily at his "cyc-lamb," and a feast was arranged to which it was invited. The banqueting-hall was on the side of Morrison Hill, and all three turned up punctually, the dog's punctuality being due to his having a piece of rope round his neck. Somehow a fatal accident occurred to him about this time, which caused his death, and the two coolies got feeling so grieved that they determined to take souvenirs of him away. They got the hide off pretty easily, owing to the numerous and extensive bald places, and then they built a nice fire and put the rest of him over it to warm. Unfortunately Inspector Hennessy invited himself to the obsequies, and after dimming the rude crematory, charged them with stealing and cooking one domestic animal—to wit a dog. Mr. Pollock has not a sufficiently broad sense of humour, though, for he refused to either hear the charge or recommend the "Inspector" for a *Belloc* medal.

PRIVATE Murphy, a professional blood-shedder, was dissatisfied with the way his ricksha coolie was hauling him yesterday, and got out to give him a few points. Unaccustomed as he was to ricksha-coolying, he managed to smash a shaft, which cost him a dollar to-day.

NOTICE is given in the *Government Gazette* that for the present, and until greater progress shall have been made with the laying of the new water mains in the town, proposed new house-connections with the mains will have to stand over. Due notice will be given when applications may be sent in for leave to effect such connections.

## EAST BORNEO PLANTING CO. LIMITED.

The adjourned statutory general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held this afternoon at the Hongkong Hotel. The Hon. B. Layton presided, and amongst those present were Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, E. E. Abrahamson, A. P. Stokes (Directors), R. Fraser-Smith, J. J. Danby, F. Dodwell, A. G. Stokes, W. S. Young, J. A. Moseley, J. A. Carvalho, J. M. Machado, C. S. Bariff, and H. Shephard (Secretary).

The Chairman announced that the only business at that meeting was the appointment of an auditor. The directors were of opinion that Mr. Fuller Henderson would be a very good man. Mr. Fraser-Smith proposed his appointment. Mr. Bariff seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Chairman announced that the board proposed to fix his remuneration at \$100, as the Company was young, and could not afford to pay more.

## THE NEW ISSUE.

An extraordinary meeting was then held, for the purpose of considering the following resolution:—That the Company do purchase for the sum of \$20,000 a selected block of 5,000 acres of land in British North Borneo in the vicinity of the Company's present land and for that purpose and to provide for the development of the said land that the Capital of the Company be increased by the issue of one thousand shares at \$50 per share, of which \$25 shall be paid up on allotment, \$15 per share on the 1st March, 1889, and the balance at such time as the Board shall determine.

The Chairman, before proposing the resolution, said:—I will with your permission explain how it is that we have before us the purchase of this additional land. When Mr. Abrahamson came here some four months ago he had two plots of land of 5,000 acres each, which he offered here, and this eventually became the property of the East Borneo Planting Co. The other he had placed in the hands of some Singapore friends, but owing to various reasons the sale of this plot fell through, and when Mr. Abrahamson returned here, the other day, he offered us the ground at the price of \$25,000 net, and after consultation the Directors resolved to accept this offer, subject to your confirmation, rather than let the land pass into the hands of others who were desirous of buying it, the land being very fertile, and not contiguous to the original 5,000 acres it would be undesirable to see it pass into hands other than our own. I now beg to propose the resolution.

Mr. Danby seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

The Chairman added:—There will have to be a confirmatory meeting which will be held a fortnight hence, on the 17th, and will then propose a resolution for the allotment of additional shares to the shareholders on the Register on 25th December, and as this will be in the proportion of one new share to every old, to prevent confusion arising from the division of any fractional parts of a share accruing to certain lots, the Directors propose inviting tenders for the shares composed of such fractional parts, and selling same to the highest bidder, and profits arising from the sale will be distributed in due proportion amongst the several allottees of such fractional parts. This we look on as the simplest method of dealing with the case, but of course it is quite open to shareholders to suggest any other method they think proper to be dealt with in this manner. Before separating you may not doubt be glad to hear what Mr. Abrahamson has to say regarding the estate (hear hear) and I beg to call on him to address you.

Mr. Abrahamson said that when he went to the place first he expected that labour might be somewhat difficult to obtain, but when he learnt how plentiful hands were he decided to open 50 fields instead of 100, as he had intended. The work of development was in progress—a jettty, two large coolie houses, and a godown had been built, and the manager's and assistants' houses were in course of construction. He might say that when the managers saw the land they were far more sanguine as to the results of the planting next season than he had been, they had pronounced the soil to be equal to, if not better than, any they had been working in. The Company had been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. van Ester Schult, who had so successfully managed the plantations of a Dutch company in Deli as to enable them to pay high dividends. He was a man of experience, and he estimated that they could raise about 700 to 100 piculs of tobacco, valued at from \$80,000 to \$100,000, at a cost of not more than \$10,000 to \$20,000 at the outset. There was a good force of labourers, plenty of good water, and what was most important, the health of the coolies was fine, and the rates at which Borneo tobacco had sold lately were most satisfactory, although it had not reached the market in good condition, having got mildewed on the voyage, but it had sold at the rate of 1.26 guilders, compared with Deli leaf at 1.11 guilders. They all knew how well Deli tobacco paid, and they must remember that their expenses in Borneo were calculated to be 25 per cent. less than those of Deli planters. He thought they had a very good prospect. (Hear hear.)

The Chairman, at the conclusion of the meeting, hoped that the resolution would be confirmed at the next meeting, and that they would have reached their expectations to some extent this time next year.

## THE CANTON CUSTOMS AND THE TIENTSIN TREATY.

## THE SEIZURE OF THE "STEPHEN THOMPSON."

A joint investigation by the Superintendent of Chinese Customs and Mr. Chaloner Alabaster, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, under the rules agreed to and promulgated by the British Minister at Peking on the 31st May, 1868, was held at the Canton Customs House on Saturday last, in reference to the seizure by the Customs officers of the steam launch *Stephen Thompson*, the property of Mr. John Pitman, for an alleged breach of Article 48 of the Tientsin Treaty of 1858, by resorting to a port not open to foreign trade. The Superintendent of Customs was

represented by a Chinese deputy, and Mr. Francis W. White, Commissioner, and Mr. F. W. Spinney, deputy Commissioner, also appeared for the Imperial Maritime Customs. Mr. John Pitman conducted his own case.

Mr. Spinney—The case about to be investigated is one in which the steam launch *Stephen Thompson* was seized on the 16th November at Wai Hai, near Kong Moon, for violating Article 47 of the British Treaty of 1858, in that she unlawfully resorted to places not open by treaty to foreign trade.

The Commissioner—Before going further I may say that I notice Mr. Webster, a solicitor of Hongkong, in the Court. I must ask him to abstain from giving advice or taking any part in the case. He is here simply as a spectator, as one of the public, and he must not give any assistance.

Mr. Webster—I have not assumed any other capacity but that of spectator.

The Commissioner—Thank you. I merely mentioned the matter now to avoid any misunderstanding.

Mr. Pitman—Before going any further I wish to protest against being tried in this Court. I claim to be tried, being a British subject, by the laws of my own country.

The Consul—This is not a trial at all. It is only an enquiry into certain circumstances. We are not trying you in any way.

David Reid, Captain of the Customs revenue cruiser *Kwai Tin*, was then called by Mr. Spinney.

Mr. Pitman—I would like to point out that the deputy Commissioner assisting the Commissioner, although the Commissioner objected to Mr. Webster helping me in any way, I object to this.

The Commissioner—The objection is trivial. Please go on.

Mr. Spinney (to witness)—When and where did you seize the steam tug *Stephen Thompson*?

Capt. Reid—At a place called Wai Hai, in the West River, on the morning of the 16th November about 2 a.m. She was lying anchored off there. I put Mr. Fauch, an officer of the Coast Guard ship, on board.

Did you give him any particular instructions?

I told him to remain there quietly, but not to interfere with anything whatever unless the vessel attempted to go away before morning.

How far is Wai Hai from Kong Moon, which I believe is the largest place in the vicinity?

More or less in the neighbourhood of four or five miles.

How far is Wai Hai from Canton?—About fifty miles, by water.

What papers did you seize on board the *Stephen Thompson*?—There were no papers. There was a document granting the launch a right to ply as an ordinary tug.

Mr. Spinney—I would ask the defendant to produce the tug certificate as he promised.

Mr. Pitman—I have it here. (Certificate produced.)

Mr. Spinney—Do you recognise that?

Capt. Reid—Yes, I believe that is the same paper.

What happened afterwards?—I took the launch in tow in the West River about 9.50 a.m. and proceeded with her to Canton.

What did you do on your arrival here?—I reported the matter to Mr. Commissioner White and received instructions from him for my interpreter to go on board the *Stephen Thompson* and take the names of the passengers on board and of the place they belonged to, and then let them go ashore.

How did you dispose of the *Stephen Thompson*?—I received instructions later to hand her over to the *Tu Su*. That was about 10.30 p.m.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pitman—Do you belong to the Coast Guard staff?—No, I belong to the shore department. I belong to the Kowloon office.

Is Wai Hai within the jurisdiction of the shore department of the Kowloon office?

The Commissioner—There is no difference in that way between the offices. Each office is separate but—

The Consul—I object to the witness being prompted.

The Commissioner—I am not prompting him. I am simply trying to make the question clear to him. (To witness) What is the exact position of the Kowloon office?

The Consul—Please let him answer the question put first. (To witness)—Have you any answer to give?—No, I cannot answer such a question as that. I do not know whether Wai Hai is within its jurisdiction or not.

Mr. Pitman—When did you leave Hongkong for Canton preparatory to seizing the *Stephen Thompson*?—I left the Customs' boat at the back of Stonecutter's Island on the 15th November, between 1 and 2 p.m.

Who had you on board as passengers?—I had no passengers.

As was Mr. Commissioner Morgan on board?

No.

Who gave you the order to go to Wai Hai?—The Coast Guard commissioner, Captain Clayson.

Where did the passengers on board the *Stephen Thompson* come from?

Mr. Spinney—He did not say there were passengers on board her.

Mr. Pitman—He has inferred it. He said he had orders to take their names.

All I want to know is the rate of speed?—That I cannot say, because I did not heave the log, and consequently cannot answer anything definitely as to what speed I was making.

You were going full speed?—No, Sir. Yours is a fast boat is it not?—Yes, if we carry full steam. If we do not, carry full steam she is very slow.

I want to know what rate of speed you were going at?—I have told you I cannot say. I did not use any log.

You cannot say to an inch but you have some idea?—Well she might have been going 5 or 6 or 7 miles, or not so much. I would not put a name to it.

Was she going five miles an hour, do you think?—In all probability more, but how much more I cannot say.

You say you put the launch in charge of Mr. Fauch. Is he one of your officers?—He is one of the Coast Guard officers.

He was not an officer of the *Kwai Tin*?—He was on the *Kwai Tin* for the time being.

Was he the captain were you not?—Yes, Sir. Was he one of your officers on that occasion?—He was on that occasion.

He was one of the officers of the ship?

The Commissioner—I really do not see the object of these questions. What does it matter which department he belonged to? I do not see the object of the questions and think it is a waste of time asking them.

The Consul—I am not wasting time. (To witness) Was he one of your officers on that occasion?—Yes, on that occasion.







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**THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY**  
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1216]

**ZETLAND LODGE,**  
No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'  
HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 3rd  
of December, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.  
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1197]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.  
The Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"  
Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th inst.,  
at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1217]

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.  
The Company's Steamship

"LONG BENG,"  
Captain R. Jones, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 7th inst., at 8 A.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
YUEN FAT HONG,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1218]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
The Company's Steamship

"WHAMPOA,"  
Harris, Commander, will be despatched as  
above on WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst., at  
4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the  
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer,  
which is situated amidships upon the upper  
deck.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1215]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "DUKE OF WESTMINSTER,"  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER,  
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [36]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship  
"ARABIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1]

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the pro-  
ductions of the "CHINA SUGAR RE-  
FINING COMPANY, LIMITED" can be re-  
ceived by RETAIL, FOR CASH,  
at No. 1, PRAYA STREET, at the same prices as  
at the Refinery, and take immediate delivery of  
their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1]

NOTICE.

ARE still prepared to Lighter Ships, or  
Steamers at the TAKU BAR, for Three  
Dollar Cents (3c) per picul.

Owners or Agents of Steamers or Vessels are  
requested to notify the Undersigned by telegram  
or otherwise, the date of departure of their  
vessels, so as to enable him to do the work  
quickly.

Unnotified work at the Bar will be done at the  
current rate of Five Cents per Picul (5c).

JAMES WATTS,  
Manager.

Messrs. WILSON & Co.,  
Agents, Tientsin.  
Taku, 13th October, 1888. [1066]

## Amusements.

### COMING SOON.

CHIARINI'S GRAND CIRCUS

AND

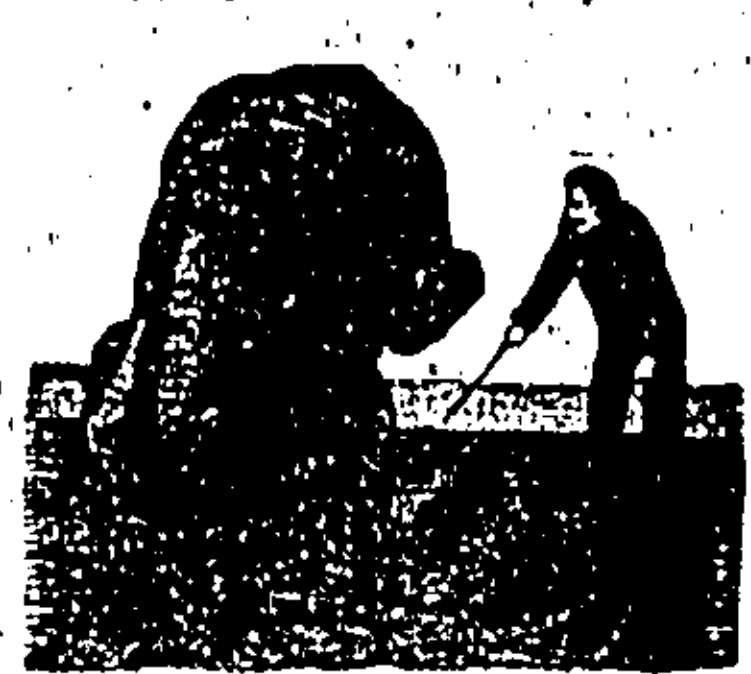
WORLD-RENOUNDED ZOOLOGICAL

AGGREGATION.



THERE IS NOTHING IN ASIA TO EQUAL THIS

FIRST-CLASS EXHIBITION.



Look out for future announcements.

L. MAYA,

Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [1191]

## Masonic.

ST. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above  
named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS'  
HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the  
4th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.  
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 26th November, 1888. [1200]

ST. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above  
named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS'  
HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the  
7th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting  
Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1888. [1208]

Insurance.

THE NEGLECT OF LIFE

ASSURANCE.

THERE is no feature of our civilised life that  
strikes a thoughtful man with more force  
than the neglect of LIFE ASSURANCE. By  
payment of a small quarterly subscription any  
man of good health can secure a very large sum  
to his family in case of premature death, yet  
hundreds of families brought up in comfort—  
perhaps in luxury—are left in extreme poverty  
every year from the bread winner having  
neglected to assure his life. In the East many  
a man lives up to his income, knowing well that  
if death cut him off suddenly, his wife and  
children would be left almost wholly unprovided  
for. All this can be prevented by Life  
Assurance.

EVERY FACILITY  
In connection with Life Assurance Business  
is afforded by  
THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,  
one of the largest and wealthiest of the Provident  
Institutions of the United Kingdom. Forms of  
application and all information will be promptly  
afforded on application to any of the Standard  
Company's Agents, or to  
THE BORNEO COMPANY, LD.,  
Agents, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 29th June, 1888. [659]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [150]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, \$833,333-33-  
RESERVE FUND.....\$240,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
LEY SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [858]

NOTICE.

THE "PEIHO TUG AND LIGHTER"  
COMPANY

ARE still prepared to Lighter Ships, or  
Steamers at the TAKU BAR, for Three  
Dollar Cents (3c) per picul.

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requested to notify the Undersigned by telegram  
or otherwise, the date of departure of their  
vessels, so as to enable him to do the work  
quickly.

Unnotified work at the Bar will be done at the  
current rate of Five Cents per Picul (5c).

JAMES WATTS,  
Manager.

Messrs. WILSON & Co.,  
Agents, Tientsin.  
Taku, 13th October, 1888. [1066]

## STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Arratoon Apca.....	Calcutta .....	December 3rd .....	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Veneta .....	London .....	December 4th .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Anchises .....	Liverpool .....	December 5th .....	Butterfield & Swire.
Monmouthshire.....	New York .....	December 6th .....	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Daphne .....	Hamburg .....	December 6th .....	Siemssen & Co.
Natal .....	Berence .....	December 6th .....	Messageries Maritimes.
Berenice .....	Trieste .....	December 7th .....	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.
Abyssinia .....	Vancouver .....	December 10th .....	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Guthrie .....	Port Darwin .....	December 10th .....	Russell & Co.
Propontis .....	Cape Town .....	December 10th .....	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

## STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Thames .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 5th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Orestes .....	Butterfield & Swire.	December 5th.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Anadyr .....	Messageries Maritimes.	Dec. 12th, at noon.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Prusen .....	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 12th, at 10 a.m.
Trieste, via Straits, &c.	Berence .....	Siemssen & Co.	Dec. 12th, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Bellona .....	Siemssen & Co.	Dec. 6th, at 4 p.m.
San Francisco, via A., &c.	City of Peking .....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 8th, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, via Ythama	Parthia .....	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K., &c.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m.
Sydney and Melbourne	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m.
Sydney and Melbourne	Butterfield & Swire.	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 12th, at 4 p.m.
Sourabaya, via Spore, &c.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Dec. 7th.
Bangkok .....	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Yokohama, via Nsaki, &c.	Natal .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 9th, daylight.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Peshawar .....	Messageries Maritimes.	About Dec. 7th.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Ulysses .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Butterfield & Swire.	Butterfield & Swire.	To-morrow, daylight.
Haiphong .....	Diamond .....	Melchers & Co.	December 7th.
Swatow and Bangkok	Melita .....	Russell & Co.	Dec. 5th, at 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, &c.	Kong Beng .....	Lun Shing Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
	Thales .....	Yuen Fat Hong	Dec. 7th, at 8 a.m.
		Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.

## Intimations.

### W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENARTNEY" AND "CLYDE."

NEW CARPETS and MATTINGS.  
FLOOR OIL CLOTH & LINOLEUMS.  
TABLE LINEN and NAPKINS.  
COLOURED TABLE CLOTHS.  
CARPET SQUARES—An immense variety.  
BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.  
TOYS!! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 26th November, 1888.

PIANOS FOR SALE. A. HAHN, ON HIRE.

PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED, EX S.S. "NIOR," A NEW LOT OF

PIANOS.

In Black and Walnut, especially built at my own design including all

improvements, so very much needed in this climate. All my orders have

been executed by my Piano Agents in Berlin to my entire satisfaction.

A short visit of inspection to my new premises will fully repay the trouble.

No. 22, ELGIN STREET.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1888. [1077]

INTIMATION.

F. Blackhead & Co.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,

AND

PROVISION MERCHANTS,

NAVY CONTRACTORS,

AND

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS

No. 11, Praya Central,

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CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS

PREPARED AGAINST

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ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT

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ALL KINDS OF

COALS

SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1885. [85]

G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-  
FACTURERS and JEWELLERS,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHARTS and BOOKS.

No. 48, Queen's Road Central. [604]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,

CHRONOMETER, WATCH and CLOCK-  
MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-  
SMITHS, and OPTICIAN,  
CHARTS and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches;  
awarded the highest Prize at every Exhibition;  
and for Volklender and Sohn's  
CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES,  
MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.  
No. 2, Queen's Road Central. [607]

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-  
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
above Company will be held in the HONGKONG  
HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 11  
O'CLOCK FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the General Managers, and State-  
ment of Accounts to the 30th November, 1888,  
and of declaring Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st inst.,  
both days inclusive.

MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1212]

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND CALL of TEN DOLLARS  
per Share is due on the 20th day of  
December, 1888.

Shareholders will please pay the amount due  
upon their Shares to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By Order,  
A. G. GORDON,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th November 1888. [1207]

BIS DAT QUI CITO DAT.

SOLDIERS & SAILORS  
FAMILIES'  
ASSOCIATION.

FOR AIDING THE WIVES AND FAMILIES OF  
MEN OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE LAND  
AND SEA FORCES OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM.

PATRON:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:  
H. R. H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A BRANCH of this most useful and  
beneficent Association, now so widely  
extended over England and India, has been  
started in this Military command, under the  
name of THE HONGKONG AND STRAITS  
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FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION.

It is formed for the purpose of aiding the  
Wives and Families of men of all branches of  
H. M. Forces now serving or who shall here-  
after serve in Hongkong or in the Straits  
Settlements, and co-operating generally with  
the Parent Association in England, by collecting  
funds and furnishing information about the  
families of soldiers and sailors serving here,  
who may need assistance at home.

The Association in Hongkong is under the  
management of a General Committee consisting  
of—

Mrs. CAMERON, President.  
Mrs. MAXWELL,  
Mrs. BELL-IRVING, Vice-Presidents.  
Mrs. BURDON,  
Mrs. CRASTER,  
Mrs. MACKINTOSH,  
Mrs. NOBLE.

With Mr. THOMAS JACKSON as Treasurer, and  
the Undersigned as Honorary Secretary.

The following extract from the Rules is  
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